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TITLE: C-SHAPED CROSS SECTION TUBULAR OPHTHALMIC IMPLANT FOR
REDUCTION OF INTRAOCULAR PRESSURE IN GLAUCOMATOUS
EYES AND METHOD OF USE

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SIR:

Amendment A

In response to the Examiner's Action, dated 06/25/02, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application and entry of this Amendment.

Accordingly, please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims ✓

Cancel claims 1-36.

Please add the following new claims:

43. (new) An eyeball implant for replacement conduction of aqueous humor from the chambers of the eyeball to the subconjunctival tissue and ultimately the venous system, comprising:

an elongated fluid conducting conduit having distal and proximate ends, a sidewall and an interior passageway and at least one longitudinally extending opening in the sidewall that exposes the interior passageway; and

at least one nidi-forming means carried by the conduit and extending laterally therefrom to implement the formation of at least one aqueous filtration bleb in the tissue of the eyeball.

44. (new) The implant of claim 43 and further comprising at least one releasable ligature circumscribing the conduit.

45. (new) The implant of claim 44 where a releasable ligature is disposed intermediate the longitudinal sidewall openings.

46. (new) The implant of claim 43 wherein the at least one longitudinally extending opening in the sidewall is substantially diametrical.

47. (new) The implant of claim 43 and further comprising anchoring means appended to the conduit to prevent the conduit from migrating from its placement site.

48. (new) The implant of claim 46, wherein the anchor means comprises a plurality of conduit furcations.

49. (new) The implant of claim 48 where the furcations are disposed at the distal end of the conduit.

50. (new) The implant of claim 43 where the laterally extending nidi-forming